

**AUGUST 17, 2009  
5:30 PM**

***Minutes***

***PUBLIC MEETING***

**GENDER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS  
PHASE 1**

●**Introductions** – Present at the meeting were Mr. Peoples, Mr. Farst, Mayor Ebert, Mr. Paini, Dr. Bender, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Starcher and Mr. Miller.

●**Opening Comments** – Steve Farst

Mr. Farst stated that this afternoon, he will be giving an overview of the project. He will also be giving the anticipated cost and funding sources, as well as the schedule of the project.

This meeting will inform the public of effort to improve two locations on Gender Road and seek funding assistance. It will also present the opportunity to gather input from the public, which is important for the funding application process.

Description of problem...

- Congestion – During peak hours there is congestion at two locations.
- Traffic Volume – estimates
  - 2009 – ADT: 31,700 Gender Rd / Winchester Blvd
  - 2030 – ADT: 38,400 Gender Rd. / Winchester Blvd.
  - 2009 – ADT: 16,100 Gender Rd. / Fox Hill (school entrance)
  - 2030 – ADT: 22,800 Gender Rd. / Fox Hill (school entrance)
- Traffic incidents – total for both intersections:
  - In 2006, there were 37 accidents, of which 7 were injury accidents
  - In 2007, there were 32 accidents, of which 4 were injury accidents
  - In 2008, there were 41 accidents, of which 9 were injury
  - For a total of 110 accidents over the three years, 20 of which were injury accidents

## ●Project overview

### **Part 1: Gender Road / Winchester Blvd.**

Part 1 of the project will encompass the area from entrance at Winchester Crossing Commercial Center to a point about 500 ft south of Gender / Winchester Blvd. intersection. It will include improvements along Winchester Blvd, about 300-feet each side of Gender Road, to address access-management issues that influence the Gender / Winchester Blvd. intersection. The total length of roadway involved in part 1 is about 1200 feet, plus 600 ft. along Winchester Blvd.

The intended improvements to Gender Rd. will add a new (2<sup>nd</sup>) left turn lane – providing for two turning lanes, effectively doubling queue space for Gender southbound traffic turning left onto Winchester Blvd. It will also relocate the southbound and westbound thru lanes. Gender Road will be resurfaced and re-striped along the project corridor.

The improvements made along Winchester Blvd will address access management near Gender Rd. with a focus between Prentiss School Rd. on the west side and the access road on the east side of Gender Rd. It will also include a power back-up for the signal system, in the event of a power failure.

The approximate cost for Part 1 of the project is \$1.7 million dollars.

### **Part 2: Gender Road / Fox Hill (School entrance)**

Part 2 of the project will encompass the area from a point about 740 ft. north of the center of Fox Hill / Gender intersection to a point about 950 feet south of the center of the intersection. Total length of Part 2 is 1690 feet along Gender Road.

The intended improvements will add a new left turn lane in each direction at intersection of the Gender / Fox Hill / School entrance. It will also relocate the southbound drop right turn lane into the school. Gender Rd. will be resurfaced and re-striped along the project corridor. Existing strain-wire traffic signal support system will be removed and replaced with a new mast-arm signal system. A shared-use pedestrian/bicycle path will be installed along eastside of Gender Road – connecting existing path at northeast corner of Gender Rd / Groveport Rd, to Fox Hill Rd and its adjacent walks. Part 2 may also include added entrances to school property, flanking main intersection, to address access management issues.

The approximate cost for Part 2 of the project is \$1.4 million dollars.

### **Total cost for both parts – 3.1 Million**

## ●Anticipated Project Schedule

The application is due September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and preliminary project approval will be in December 2009. The earliest possible date for approval by OPWC, if received, will be in January 2010. Design work would then start in January 2010 and the project start date would be no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Estimated completion date would be in 2011 or 2012.

## ●Questionnaire

Templates were provided for public to use and they are encouraged to write their own letters of support and to complete a questionnaire. All letters and questionnaires must be returned by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to be submitted with the proposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm